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SUBJ: SALE OF MILITARY-RELATED EQUIPMENT TO ALGERIA

FOR: NEA/DRAPER

1. I UNDERSTAND NEA IS CURRENTLY STUDYING GUIDELINES FOR SALES OF
MILITARY-RELATED EQUIPMENT TO ALGERIA.

2. I WISH TO GO ON RECORD AS OPPOSING LETHAL MUNITIONS CONTROL
EQUIPMENT TO GOA. THE CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR MUNITION CONTROL AND
COMMERCE CASES, I.E., AVOIDING APPROVING ITEMS WHICH (1) WE WOULD
NOT SELL TO EGYPT; (2) WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE ALGERIAN MILI-
TARY SUPERIORITY OVER MOROCCO; OR (3) WOULD FACILITATE THE ORGANI-
ZATION OF EXECUTION OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, ARE SEN-
SIBLE AND, I THINK, WELL PROTECT U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, GIVEN CURRENT IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH GOA
AND IMPORTANT U.S.-ALGERIAN ECONOMIC TIES, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE
SALE OF NON-LETHAL MUNITIONS CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO
ALGERIA.

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4. IT IS A FACT OF LIFE THAT THE UNITED STATES AND ALGERIA DISAGREE
ON MANY MATTERS. THEREFORE, I FEEL THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD
DO WHAT IT CAN WHEN IT CAN, WITHOUT INJURY TO ITS BASIC POLICIES
AND PRINCIPALS, TO DEMONSTRATE TO GOA THAT OUR BILATERAL DIFFERENCES
ARE NOT INSURMOUNTABLE. APPROVING THE SALE OF BEECH PILOT TRAINING
AIRCRAFT WOULD GIVE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE THAT THE UNITED STATES WISHES

TO BE FORTHCOMING WHENEVER POSSIBLE. THE SALE WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A WELCOME \$2.9 MILLION PLUS IN THE CURRENT NEGATIVE U.S.-ALGERIAN TRADE BALANCE.

5. SUCH A MORE FLEXIBLE MUNITIONS CONTROL POLICY IN GENERAL VIS-A-VIS ALGERIA WOULD BE, I BELIEVE, IN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST. GREATER FLEXIBILITY, AT THE VERY LEAST, WOULD SPEED UP THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AND ENABLE THE ALGERIANS TO RECEIVE PROMPT RESPONSES (WHETHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE) FROM US. HAYNES

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